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prominent Washington physician says that "mince pie is not injurious to the stomach." It might be added that the Baltimore American neither are carpet tacks—so much depends upon the little word.

**Bomb Thrown at the Shah.**  
Washington, Special.—A cable dispatch received here from Teheran by the State Department states that an attempt to assassinate the Shah of Persia was made, but his majesty escaped. A bomb was thrown at the royal carriage and killed several persons, but the Shah entirely escaped injury. The cablegram does not contain minute details.

**Gives Birth to Five.**  
Steubenville, O., Special.—Five perfectly-formed children were born here Friday to Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell. Three of the babies died within an hour after their birth. One boy and one girl will live, it is said. Three of the children were boys. Mrs. Campbell weighs less than 100 pounds. The combined weight of the infants was 23 pounds. Physicians declare the case to be one of the most remarkable known to the profession.

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We've had forty-six years experience making and selling vehicles, and have yet to see anything on wheels which for Beauty, Easy Riding, Light Running and lasting and qualities would match  
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## Palmetto Affairs

The News of South Carolina in Condensed Form

**Federal Aid Proposed For Our High Schools.**  
Clemson College, Special.—President P. H. Mell has received a letter from the Hon. Chas. R. Davis, calling his attention to a bill before congress, looking to the endowment throughout the country of secondary high schools for the purpose of encouraging the teaching of agriculture, the mechanical arts and home economics for the better education of the people at large. President Mell recommends that all who are in favor of this plan write to Congressman Davis and to the representatives from South Carolina giving their endorsement of his bill.

**News in Brief.**  
Two bombs were thrown at the Shah of Persia, one killing three outsiders, but the Shah escaped.  
A bomb was thrown at the carriage of President Alcora, of Argentina, at Buenos Ayres, but failed to explode.  
The Women's Emancipation bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons and was then shelved for the rest of the session.  
President Pardo, of Lima, visited Admiral Evans and toasted Roosevelt.

**The House Naval Committee** reported in favor of two large floating drydocks, one for the Atlantic, one for the Pacific Coast.  
The House Banking and Currency Committee voted to report favorably the Fowler Currency bill.  
Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert argued for the suspension of the Nine-Hour law on the Seaboard Air Line.

**Both of these funds** shall be paid semi-annually—on July 1 and January 1. The State must make to the secretary of agriculture a detailed account of the disbursement of sums received under the provisions of the act. The grants of money authorized by the bill are made subject to legislative assent of the several States and Territories to the purposes of the grants.

**Congressman Davis** recently had an interview with the president in which the bill was the subject of consideration. President Roosevelt then expressed himself as highly pleased with the measure, giving it his full endorsement. He called attention to his speech in Keokuk in October when he said that the federal government should cooperate with the State to provide practical education for the nation.

**Greenville, Special.**—The Chick Springs company has let a contract for rebuilding the hotel which was recently destroyed by fire. Work will begin in a day or two and the new house will be ready for guests when the season opens this summer. The new building will cost \$35,000 and will be better than the one it is to replace.

**Checking Up Finances.**  
Columbia, Special.—One of the important duties of the comptroller general within the next few days will be to go over the appropriation bill item by item and check it up with the estimated revenue. It is estimated this year that the raise in levy will still leave a deficit of about \$35,000, although the increase in the franchise taxes may reduce this materially. Other incomes may exceed the revenue estimates made in the beginning, but it is certain that there will be no balance to the accounts at the end of the year.

**Fire Horses Run Away.**  
Manning, Special.—The team of horses attached to the fire engine ran away Tuesday afternoon and on a short turn in the street, turned the engine over and damaged it so badly that it will be necessary, it is thought, to send it back to the factory for repairs. The negro driver came out uninjured, but Mr. Frank Hawkins was injured endeavoring to hold one of the horses after they broke out.

**Pneumonia at Mullins.**  
Mullins, Special.—Never before in the history of the community has there been such an epidemic of pneumonia. The physicians of the town are kept on duty night and day and yet can not answer all the calls upon them. Special prayers are offered daily for the removal of this scourge from the usually healthy community. Many families have been saddened by the entrance of death and many more are still anxious for the safety of their sick loved ones.

## MURDERERS CONFESS

**Negro Boy Tells How They Murdered Aged White Woman and Then Robbed Her Home.**  
Columbia, Special.—Ned and Brack Toland, negroes, aged 19 and 17 years, respectively, late Friday afternoon, made a full confession of the murder of Mrs. Paul W. Elliser, the aged white woman who lived just across the river from Columbia. Brack, the younger of the brothers, said that Mrs. Elliser suspected something as soon as they entered the house. When they got inside Brack said he caught the old woman and held her while his brother knocked her in the head with an axe. They put her body in a basket and Ned struck her two more blows. They then proceeded to rob the house, taking a gun and a number of articles of wearing apparel. No money was found.

**A Sad Bereavement.**  
Dillon, Special.—With Masonic honors the remains of Mr. Jake Parham were consigned to their last resting place at Mount Holly Saturday. Mr. Parham was 29 years of age; has been a sufferer for several months, exhibiting throughout a wonderful degree of fortitude and patience at his place of business until within a very few days of his death. The aged father, Mr. A. K. Parham, deserves especially the sympathy of every one. His bereavement is peculiarly distressing, his son Jake being the sole survivor of what was only four years ago a happy home. Within two months two sons and one daughter, all grown, were buried, his wife following within a year after and Jake alone was left to him.

**Arrested in Chester.**  
Chester, Special.—The police authorities here arrested on Saturday night a white man giving the name of J. A. Stamper, charged with house breaking and larceny. It seems that the accused broke into the station of the Carolina and Northwestern railway at Lincolnton, N. C., and took therefrom quite a bunch of railroad tickets, together with a conductor's punch. The arrest was made by instructions from Conductor H. M. on one of these tickets in payment of fare. He held in jail here until he was taken to Lincolnton by the Chester Poylor.

**Samuels, charged with the dispensary law.** The running a grocery store. The store was raided and Samuels and six or seven liquor were seized. It is stated that they have been running a blind tiger for some time. They were given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Smoak and released on \$400 bond each, to appear at the court of general sessions.

**Destructive Fire in Belton.**  
Belton, Special.—At 10 o'clock Wednesday night fire was discovered in the frame mercantile building of J. T. Cox. There was no insurance on the building but the stock of merchandise owned by J. O. Ragdale, Belton Coca-Cola Bottling company and Pant & Willingham were insured for about \$1,100. No clue as to origin of fire. The building was valued at \$2,500 and the contents at about the same. But for the good work of the employees of Southern and Blue Ridge railways, assisted by the citizens of the town, the passenger and freight depots would have been destroyed.

**Gold Mining Company to Operate in York.**  
Fort Mill, Special.—Clawson Mining company, incorporated with \$100,000 capital stock, incorporated to develop some gold mining property near Fort Mill. Preliminary work has been in progress since November, and arrangements are now being made for purchasing equipment for stamp mill and chlorination plant; Dr. C. L. Clawson, Richburg, S. C., president; A. S. Hunt, Charlotte, N. C., vice president; and T. W. Clawson, lately of Wilmington, N. C., secretary-treasurer.

**Man Who Shot Despoiler of His Home Is Pardoned.**  
Tampa, Fla., Special.—Harry Bonford, a former plumbing contractor, who has served seven months of a one-year term in the penitentiary for shooting Captain Park, a steamboat master, nephew of State Treasurer Park, of Georgia, when Park surprised him in Park's home with Mrs. Park, was pardoned by the State board.

**A Wealthy South Carolina Planter Dies in Texas.**  
Greenville, Special.—J. S. Blalock, of Goldville, Laurens county, one of the two or three men who stand as the wealthiest planters in the State, died in Texas, where he had gone in the hope that his health would be benefited. He was 75 years of age and from a poor young man he had amassed in his lifetime one of the largest estates in the upper part of the State.

## ROADS TO COMPLY

Agree to Adopt the Nine-Hour System Without Delay

CLAIM IT WILL WORK BADLY

**New Order of Affairs Will Mean the Employment of Thousands of Additional Operators, the Closing of a Large Number of Small Stations, and General Inconvenience to the Traveling and Shipping Public.**

Washington, Special.—American railways have made arrangements to comply with the provisions of the "nine-hour law." The operation of the law will mean the employment by railroad companies of several thousand additional operators and the closing of a large number of small stations on the 4th of March. The discontinuance of railway service at many points, it is realized, will induce at least temporary inconvenience to the traveling and shipping public, but, in order to reduce operating expenses which now seem necessary, the operating officials of the railways believe that this is the only way they possible can meet the situation with which they are confronted.

**Astonishing Statements.**  
During the hearing of applications for an extension of the nine-hour law by the inter-State commerce commission some astonishing statements were made by the operating officials of important railways. A good many lines, owing to a reduction in their revenues, and to their inability to command the cash necessary to meet their pay rolls, have been forced, during the past four months, almost to the point of asking for receivers. In the opinion of railway officials expressed at the hearing under oath and in private conversation this condition does not seem to have been due to the enforcement of legislative laws or to the incapacity of railway management. Most of the railroad officials attribute the difficulty to the unfortunate banking situation which developed last September. The railways did not feel the stringency in money until about the 1st of November. In fact, the month of October was one of the best in the history of the business of American railroading.

**One railway official** ventured the statement that in the country to-day there were 300,000 idle freight cars, and one line which he instanced was declared to be hauling empty cars backward and forward because it had not yard room or sidings to accommodate them.

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## FIRE WRECKS TAMPA

Severest Conflagration in the City's History

EIGHTEEN BLOCKS BURNED OUT

Three Hundred and Eight Buildings Destroyed, Embracing Five Cigar Factories, With a Total Loss Estimated at \$600,000.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—The entire extreme northeastern section of the city proper was destroyed by fire, which raged until interrupted from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Sunday. The area burned covered 55 acres or eighteen and one-half city blocks and three hundred and eight buildings were destroyed, with a total loss estimated at \$600,000.

The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factories, numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings occupied by cigarmakers. The factories burned were, M. Stachelberg & Co., loss \$100,000; M. Perez & Co., loss \$50,000; Gonzales, Fisher & Co., branch of Stachelberg, loss \$40,000; Fernandez & Bro., loss \$20,000.

**Cigar Factories Suffer.**  
All factories carried large stocks of tobacco and cigars. The area swept by fire embraced all that portion of the city between 12th and Michigan avenues and Sixteenth and Twentieth Streets. It originated in the boarding house of Antonio Diaz, 174 Twelfth avenue, and fanned by a

## BRADLEY IS ELECTED

Kentucky Chooses Republican United States Senator

FOUR DEMOCRATS FOR HIM

Republicans Voted Solidly For Bradley and With the Assistance of Four Democrats Succeeded in Landing the Former Governor in the Senatorship, With Only Four Votes to the Good.

Frankfort, Ky., Special.—Amid scenes of wildest excitement, former Governor William O'Connell Bradley, Republican, was elected United States Senator to succeed James B. McCreary. Bradley's term of six years will begin March 4th, 1909. He received 64 votes, four of which were cast by Democrats opposed to former Governor Beckham, leading Democratic candidate for senator, who was endorsed for the office at the State primary.

The four Democrats were surrounded by party friends and urged to withdraw their support from Bradley and re-elect Senator James McCreary or any Democrat they might name but the four men declared that the proposal came too late. The Democratic leaders even promised a caucus to select a candidate, to which the name of Beckham would not be presented.

The ballot as recast resulted as follows:  
Bradley 64; Beckham 15; James 15; McCreary 10; Mayo 5; Allen 2; Ellison 1; Stanley 1; Blackburn 1.

representative of the party was one of the four Democrats to explain his vote for Bradley. He said he thought the time had come to "throw off party shackles and to break up the machine," and although he did support the Democratic ticket for 40 years, he believed his vote for Bradley "was the best Democratic vote he ever cast."

The Republicans voted solidly for Bradley, the caucus nominee. It had been held from the beginning of the contest (over six weeks ago) that a majority of a quorum was sufficient for an election, and with 126 members present it required 64 votes to elect. The votes of the four Democrats who have steadily refused to vote for former Governor Beckham were transferred to Bradley from the various Democratic opponents of Beckham.

**Winner by Four Votes.**  
Bradley received 64 votes to 60 for Beckham, 1 for Allen and 1 for Blackburn. The Democrats left the hall in an attempt to break the vote, but later returned and the vote was ordered retified.

Senators McNutt and Chariton and Representative Muller, of Louisville, and Representative Lillard, of Boyle, were the Democrats who voted with the Republicans for Bradley.

A scene of the wildest excitement prevailed before the result was announced, the Democrats demanding a recapitulation. Beckham came on the floor and released the Democrats from their primary nomination pledge. Many Democrats sought to change their votes the majority going to Congressman James.

**Many Hurt in Wreck in Texas.**  
Laredo, Tex., Special.—Four persons were seriously injured and 25 others hurt early Tuesday when Charles G. Gates' Mexican touring train was derailed 12 miles north of here. Most of the passengers were from Toledo, O., and the middle West. The wreck was caused by the engine's axle breaking. Nine coaches of the train were derailed.

**Big Bank Consolidation.**  
Chicago, Special.—The announcement made of the practical completion of arrangements for the consolidation of the American Trust and Savings Bank and the Hibernian Banking Association, with a deposit account of forty-three millions and a capital of four millions five hundred thousand startled financial circles here. Negotiations were taken up last fall, but were interrupted by the panic.